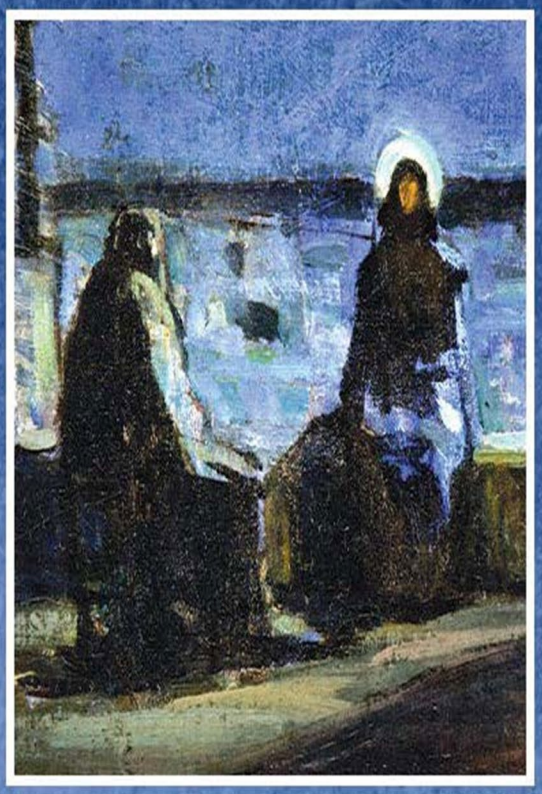
Nicodemus came to Jesus by night

JOHN 3:2



Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI
March 1, 2026 – Second Sunday in Lent

Worship Key
P: Pastor
A: Assisting Ministers
C: Congregation

THE GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.
Silence is kept for reflection.

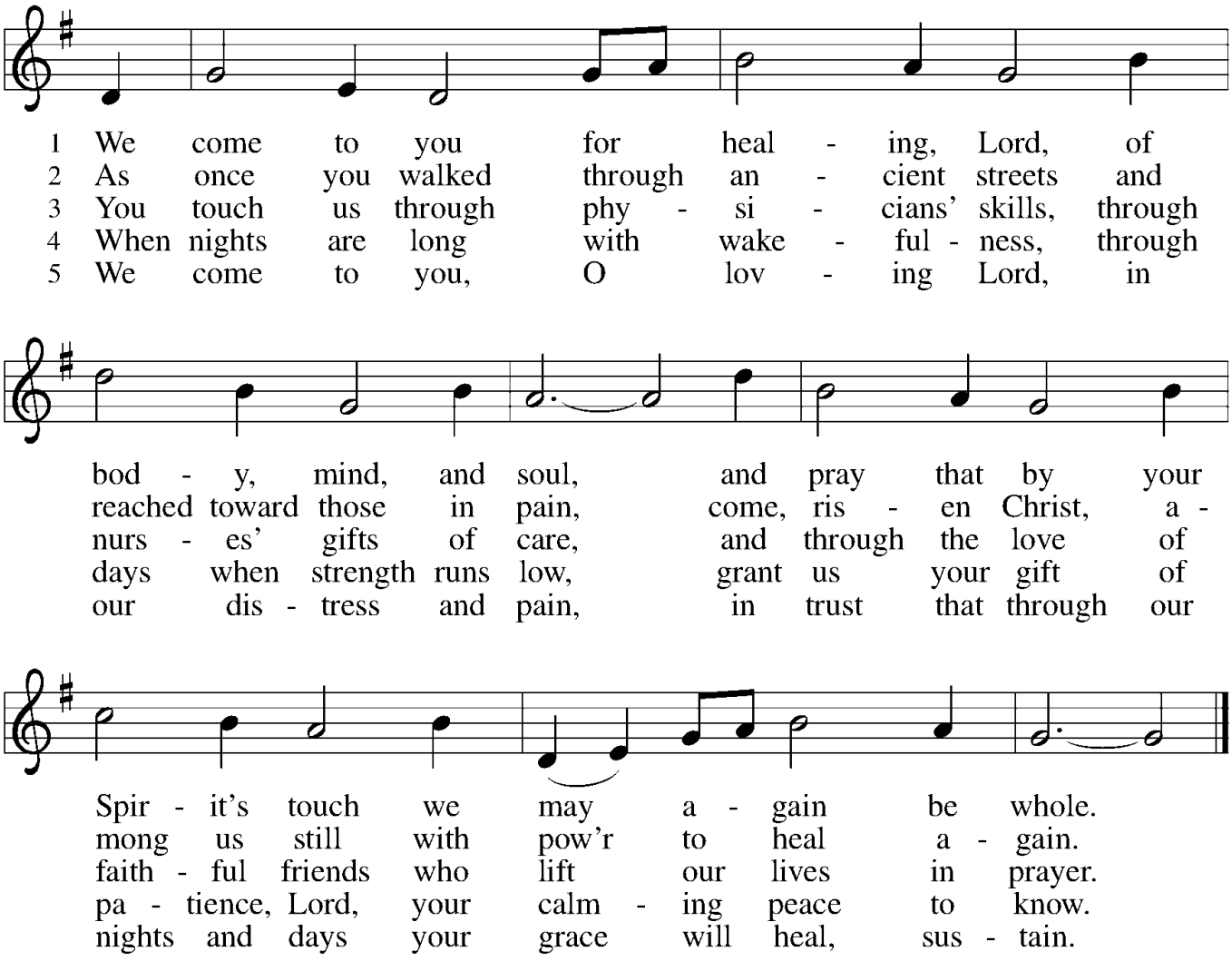
P: Gracious God,
C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,
C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,
C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
P: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,
C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,
C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
P: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,
C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,
C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN — ELW 617

"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"


1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our
Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

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Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824
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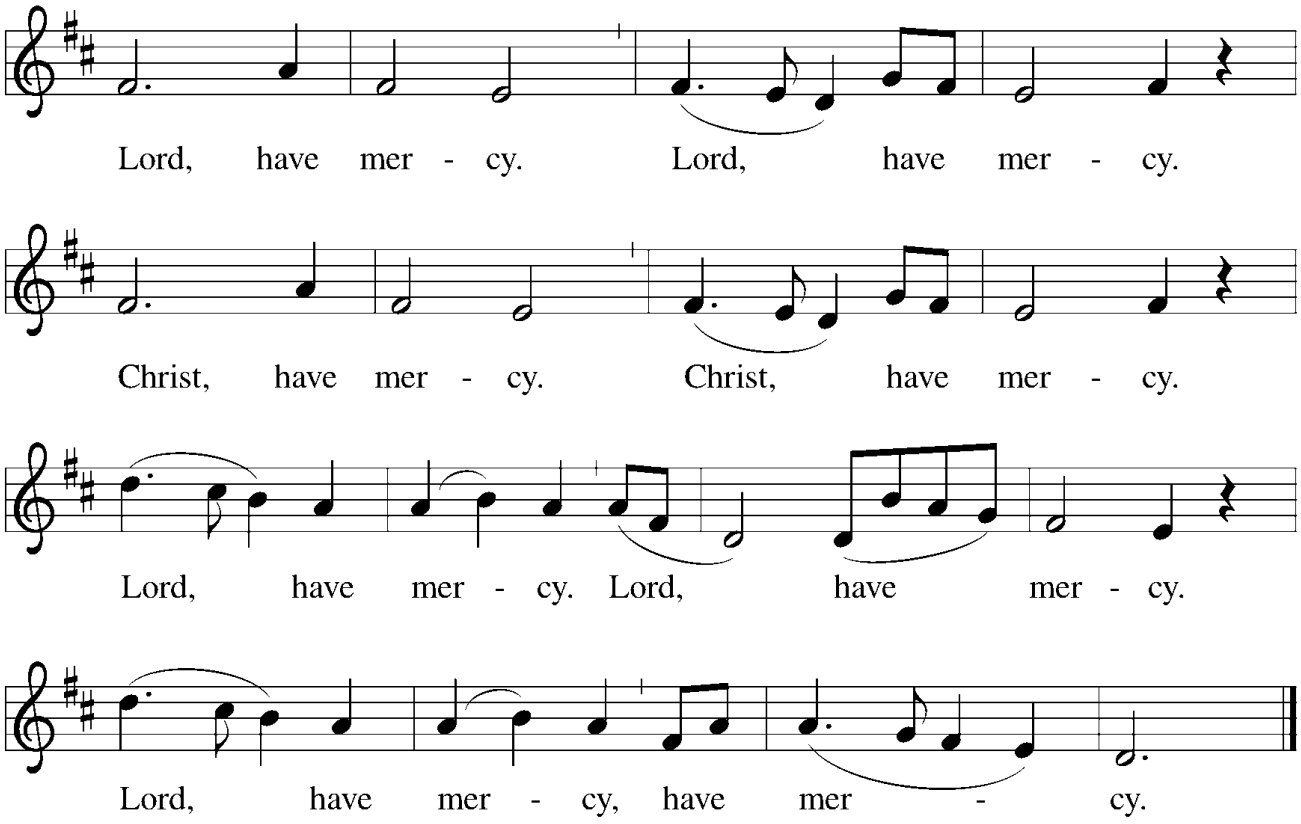
GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE


Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING – Genesis 12:1-4a

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose–that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey, they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation.

A: A reading from Genesis.

1 The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your
father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 I will make of you a great nation,
and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will
bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all
the families of the earth shall be blessed."
4a So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM – Psalm 121

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
2 **My help comes from the LORD,**
the maker of heaven and earth.
3 The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
4 **Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**
5 the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
6 **the sun will not strike you by day,**
nor the moon by night.
7 The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.
8 **The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,**
from this time forth forevermore.

SECOND READING – Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

In the person and example of Abraham we discover that a right relationship with God does not involve earning a reward from God but entails trusting God's promises. Abraham is the forebear and model for both Jews and Gentiles, because we too trust that ours is a God who gives life to the dead.

A: A reading from Romans.

[1] What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? [2] For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. [3] For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." [4] Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. [5] But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

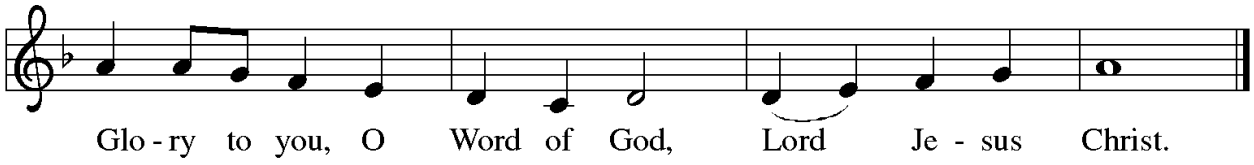
[13] For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. [14] For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. [15] For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

[16] For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, [17] as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



The proper verse may be sung by a leader. Then the acclamation is repeated.

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GOSPEL – John 3:1-17

A curious Pharisee visits Jesus by night to learn from the teacher his friends reject. Jesus speaks to him about life in the Spirit and the kingdom of God.

P: The Gospel according to John.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[1] Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. [2] He came to
Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has
come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that
person." [3] Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom
of God without being born from above." [4] Nicodemus said to him, "How can
anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the
mother's womb and be born?" [5] Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can
enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. [6] What is born
of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. [7] Do not be astonished
that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' [8] The wind blows where it
chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from
or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." [9] Nicodemus said
to him, "How can these things be?" [10] Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of
Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

[11] "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have
seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. [12] If I have told you about earthly things
and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly
things? [13] No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from
heaven, the Son of Man. [14] And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the
wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, [15] that whoever believes in him
may have eternal life.

[16] "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who
believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

[17] "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but
in order that the world might be saved through him."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME — Rev. Joshua Rinas

A special message for children.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTURE

Youngsters leave for the music/activity in the Music/Education room.

SERMON — Rev. Joshua Rinas

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY — LBW 445

"Unto the Hills"

1 Un - to the hills a - round do I lift up my long - ing eyes;
2 He will not suf - fer that thy foot be moved; safe shalt thou be.
3 Je - ho - vah is him - self thy keep - er true, thy change - less shade;
4 From ev - 'ry e - vil shall he keep thy soul, from ev - 'ry sin;
oh, whence for me shall my sal - va - tion come, from whence a - rise?
No care - less slum - ber shall his eye - lids close, who keep - eth thee.
Je - ho - vah thy de - fense on thy right hand him - self hath made.
Je - ho - vah shall pre - serve thy go - ing out, thy com - ing in.
From God the Lord doth come my cer - tain aid,
Be - hold, he sleep - eth not, he slum - b'reth ne'er,
And thee no sun by day shall ev - er smite;
A - bove thee watch - ing, he whom we a - dore
from God the Lord, who heav'n and earth hath made.
who keep - eth Is - rael in his ho - ly care.
no moon shall harm thee in the si - lent night.
shall keep thee hence - forth, yea, for - ev - er - more.

Text: John Campbell, 1845–1914
Music: SANDON, Charles H. Purday, 1799–1885

PRESENTATION

Those making affirmation may gather with the ministers at the font. They may be joined by others from the assembly.

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

The presiding minister may note briefly the occasion for this affirmation.

I present Sophie/Gabriel, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

The presiding minister may continue with prayer.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

AFFIRMATION

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

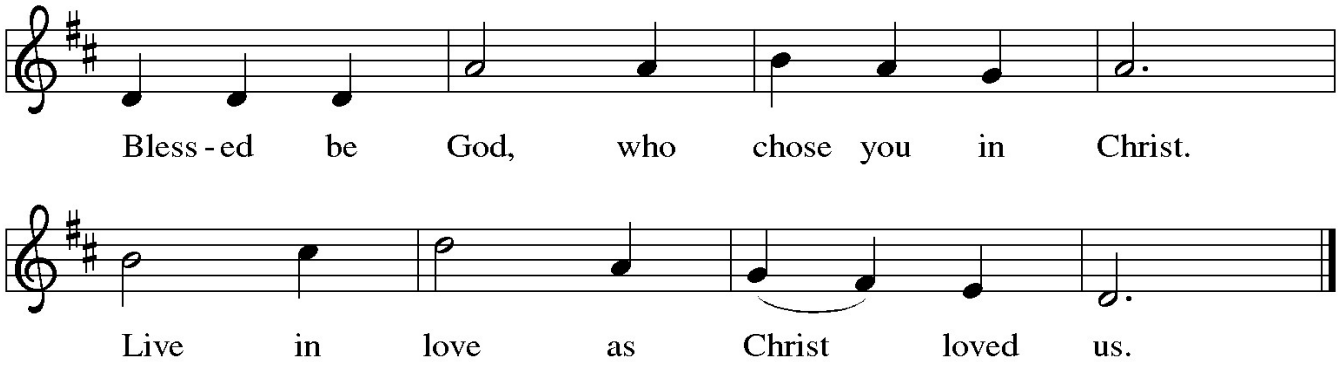
People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

A: Faithful One, you renew us by grace. As you have inspired faith through the work of church artists and hymnwriters throughout the ages like George Herbert whom the church remembers today, give your church the means to praise your beauty today. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Living One, you delight in this world. The sun and moon, the wind and the water declare your goodness. Preserve this earth, and protect conservationists, scientists, and all who labor in service to creation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Ruling One, you bless us to be a blessing. Inspire Emmanuel in growth of faith and service to you. Connect us with those in need that we may bless. Open the hearts of all leaders to seek the flourishing of every person and lend your help to all who wait for justice, deliverance, and peace. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Compassionate One, you send your Son to save. Declare your word of acceptance to any condemned and lift up any brought low by hatred and exclusion. Tend to all who are struggling with illness or loss especially John, Bob, Cora, John, Ed, Craig, Eva, and Barb. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Guiding One, you watch over our going out and coming in. Bless Gabriel, Sophie joining us today as well as Dallas, Cassie, Walter, Mary, Bill, Pam, Annette, Melissa, Danny, and Claudia and accompany those who have recently left this community to journey elsewhere. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: For what else does this congregation pray? Prayers may be said aloud, typed into the live chat box, or silently in your hearts…

Brief Pause for the congregation to respond.

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Eternal One, you neither slumber nor sleep. Be our keeper in life and in death. Thank you for our beloved who have died, and for your promise which saves this whole world by your love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

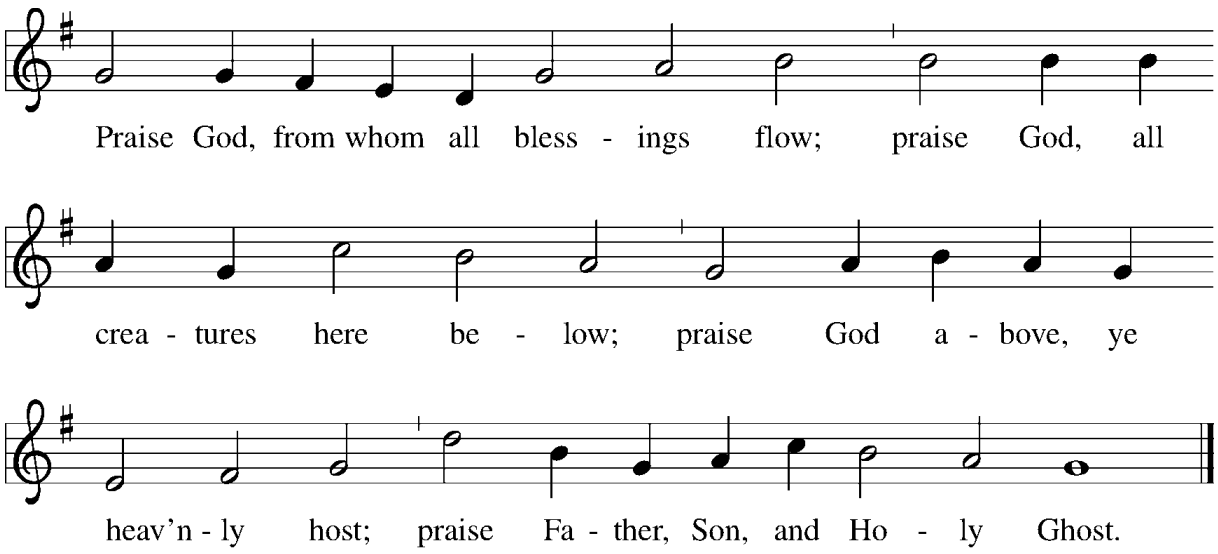
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

THE MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN – *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*


Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: Steadfast God, you bless us amid all the changes and chances of life. Grant us servant hearts, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

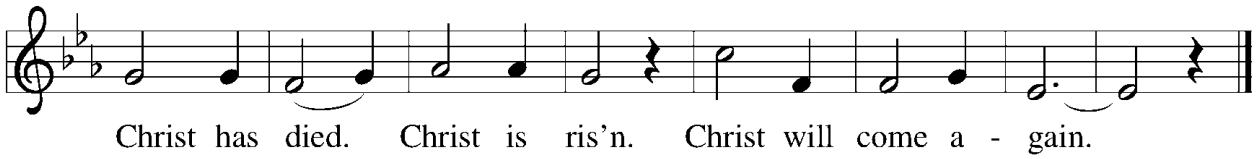
P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



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P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of
Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with
justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

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LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

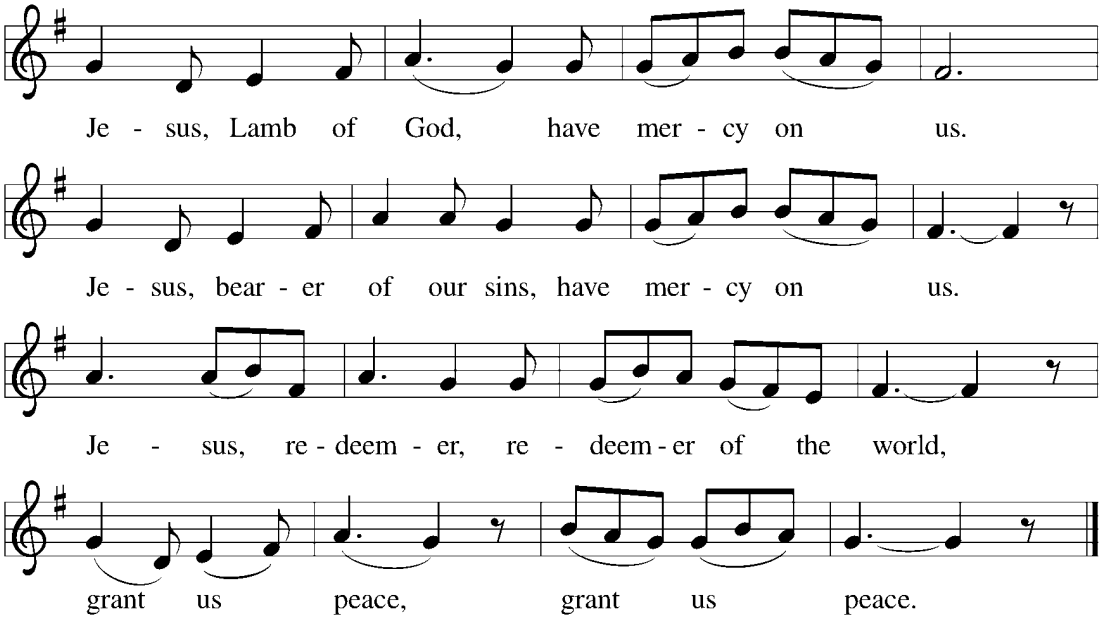
Let us pray together:

O triune God in heaven above, your blessed name we hallow.
Your kingdom come, your will be done
in this world as in heaven; give bread for each new day begun;
our sins be all forgiven, as we forgive what others do;
in every trial see us through; from evil save us. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

LAMB OF GOD


Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

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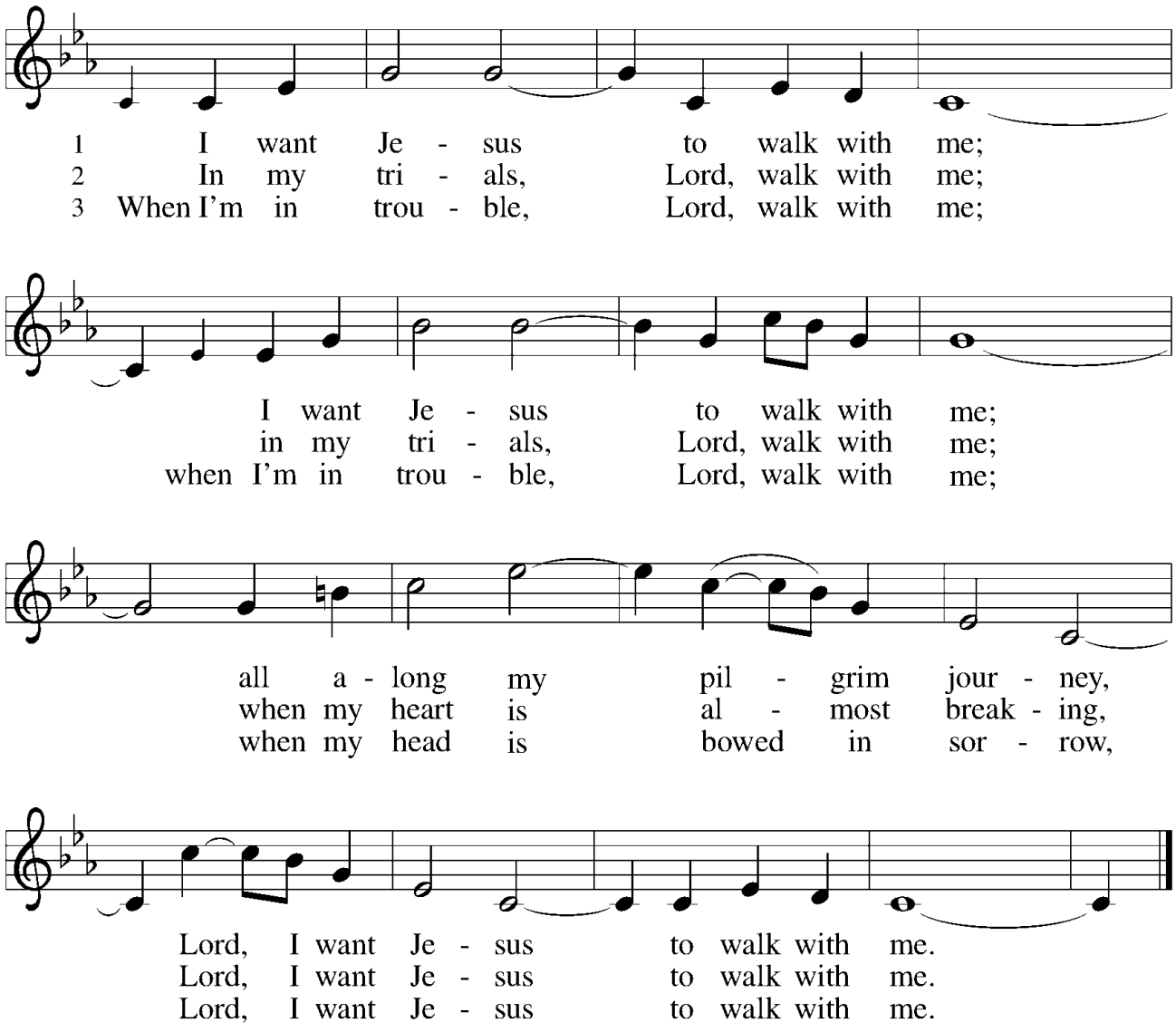
COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN WOV 660

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

Led by the Emmanuel Chancel Choir (Please join in singing)


1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;
I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;
all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The assisting minister leads one of the following or a similar prayer after communion.

A: Let us pray.

C: God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.
Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

THE SENDING

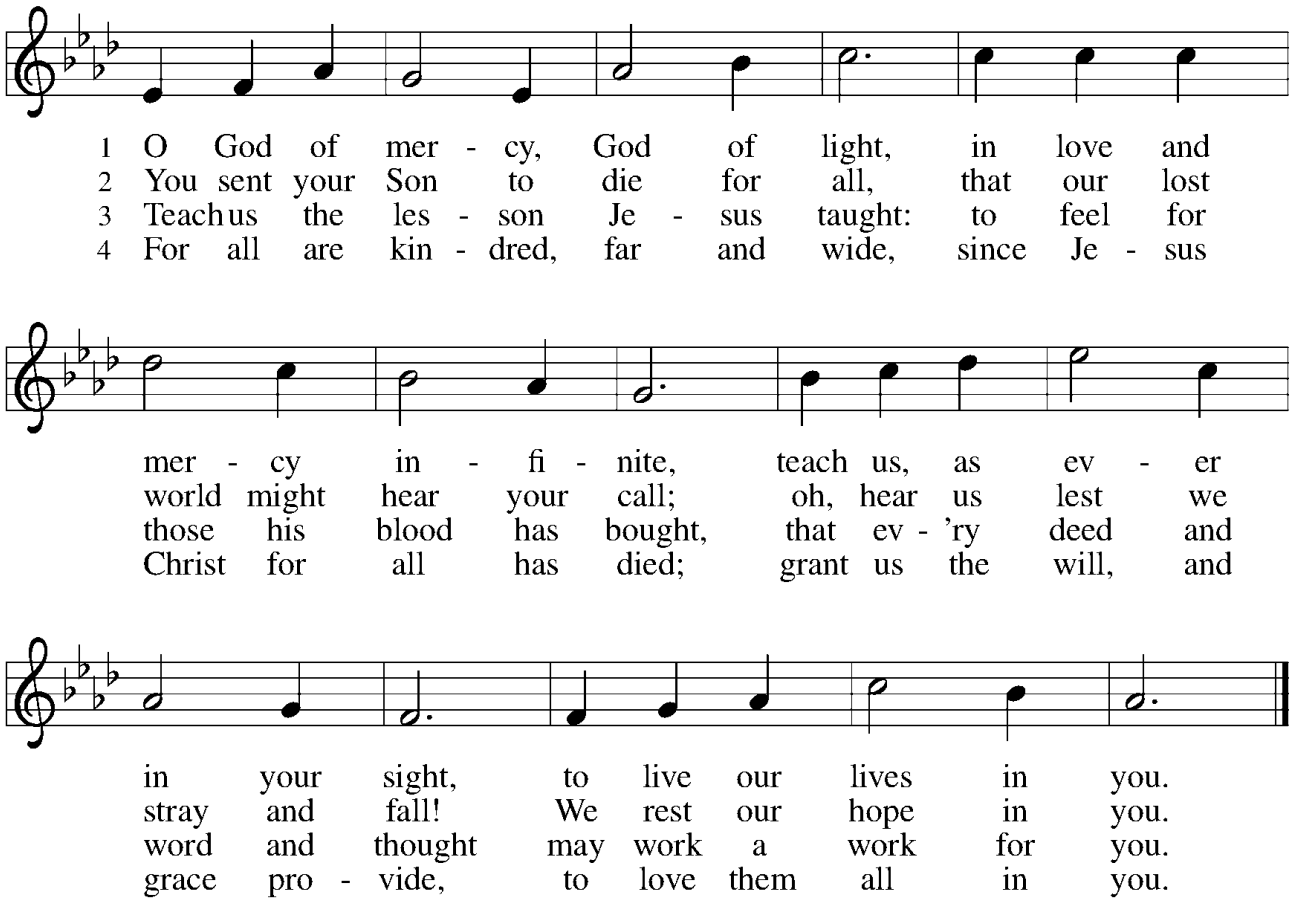
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: The Lord of peace give you peace at all times and in all ways.
In the name of the Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW 714 *(v.1, 3, 5)*

"O God of Mercy, God of Light"


1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and
mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er
2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost
world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for
those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and
4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus
Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and
in your sight, to live our lives in you.
stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.
word and thought may work a work for you.
grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
may we each other's burdens share;
may we, where help is needed, there
give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move
all those who live to live in love,
till you receive in heav'n above
all those who live in you.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt.
Music: JUST AS I AM, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

DISMISSAL

A: Go now in peace,
for nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! If this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex (Lobby), we would love to connect with you.

*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!
*Children's bulletins available, please see an usher.
*Printed copies of the Newsletter are in the magazine holder in the Narthex.
**Christ in Our Home* devotionals (January - March) can be found in the Narthex.
*Hand Sanitizers can be found in the Narthex and hanging at the end of the pews.

Please remember to wear your Name Tag

It's a help for visitors and folks you may not have seen for a while. If you need a new Name tag, please let Jennifer know.

Lenten Devotionals Available in Narthex

Although the dates are from 2023, the scripture and reflections remain true. The first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday, February 18th. Pastor provided a bookmark with each devotional for you to keep time within this season of reflection and renewal.

Wednesday Evening Lenten Suppers and Service

On Wednesdays during Lent, we will meet for a pot-luck supper in the Gathering area at 6:15pm. A Holden Evening Prayer service will follow at 7:00pm.

Tuesday, March 17, 2pm – An ELCA-wide Town Hall to learn more about the new Church Property Resource Hub and how it can help congregation leaders steward their property in faithful and practical ways. An opportunity for congregations and all people connected to the management of church property. Gather together in the lounge or register individually online.

Games and Crafts Night

6:00-8:00pm, Friday, March 6th. Board games, cards, crafts and eats! Bring your favorite games or crafts as well as hors d'oeuvres to share and we'll enjoy together! All are invited: adults, kids, bring your friends and neighbors! Materials will be provided to create Easter cards. Questions? See Linda Wilber, Sophie Overstreet, Cassie Klages, or Pr. Joshua

2026 Easter Lily Orders

It is that time of year once again! Easter Lily order forms can be found in the Narthex. Lilies are $9.75. You can place your order form and payment in the offering, the office mailbox, or mail it to the church. Deadline for orders is March 9th. Thank you!

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TROOP 290
LENTEN
Fish Dinner
Troop 290 is proud to host a Lenten Fish Dinner as a way of thanking the Emmanuel Lutheran Church for their continued support of our Troop & the Scouting movement.
Buy Tickets Now!
$15 adults (age 13+), $10 kids (age 6-12)
PayPal to troop290ypsi@gmail.com
"Fish Dinner" in the comments!
Wednesday March 11
5:30-6:30pm
Emmanuel Lutheran
Church Basement
201 N River St, Ypsilanti
BSA Troop 290

2026 Altar Flower Sign-up

The 2026 Altar flower sign-up is on the bulletin board outside the office. Once you sign-up for your date, put the form and money in the offering plate or office mailbox. Thanks!

Emmanuel Directory

We are going to start working on an updated directory for our Emmanuel Families. There will be papers in the Narthex for you to fill out with any changes to your family information for the directory, or you can email the church office. **We will not take changes after April 12th, so please get your information to the office ASAP!**

Food Pantry Needs

Needed for Food Pantry: plastic grocery bags are preferred, but we will use paper grocery bags! Please leave your donation of bags on the Food Pantry shelves or Clothes Closet donation bin in the Gathering area. Thank you!

Assisting Ministers Needed!

Sign up on the sheet outside the office or call the office, Or through sign-up genius. Click here or Scan QR code

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Financial Progress Report –

Attendance Sunday 2/22/26: 52 (snow)

This past week (Feb 16 – Feb 22) we received income of: $4,193

Approved 2026 Budget: $301,796 *Needed Weekly:* $5,804

For the month of January we had:

- *Income:** $57,781
- *Expenses:* $25,604
- *January Balance:* $32,177
  - *Positive January balance due to:*
    - Income exceeds expenses.
    - Some members sending their entire pledge in January.
    - Ministry Growth Fund positive change in value.

January 1st through January 31st, we had:

- *Income:** $57,781
- *Expenses:* $25,604
- *YTD Balance:* $32,177
  - *Favorable YTD balance due to:*
    - Income exceeds expenses.
    - Some members sending their entire pledge in January.
    - Ministry Growth Fund positive change in value.

Last year at January 31, 2025, our YTS balance was $39,551. Thank you for your support.

*Income will not include the change in value of the Ministry Growth Fund investment until after the 15th of the following month.

Ways to Give: Giving can be done online by clicking here. Or mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

Mobile App: Download the Vanco Payments Mobile app for free from Google Play. In the app, select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL

Sunday, March 1 – Second Sunday in Lent
New Members Received

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- Chancel Choir 9:30am
- **Worship 10:00am**
- Birthday Coffee Hour 11:00am – Noon
- Scouts 6:00pm

Tuesday, March 3

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am
- Food Gatherers delivery
- Transition Team Mtg. 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 4

- Clothes Closet 9:00am – 10:30am
- Quilting 11:00am – 1:00pm
- **Bible Study 12:30pm – 2:00pm**
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- **Lenten Supper 6:15pm**
- **Holden Evening Prayer Service 7:00pm**
- AA Meeting 8:00pm – 9:00pm

Thursday, March 5

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am
- Refresh Committee 10:30am – 12:00pm
- YCC 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Friday, March 6

- Games & Crafts Night 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- NA Meeting 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Sunday, March 8 – Third Sunday in Lent

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – Noon
- Scouts 6:00pm

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God.

For those with young children: Emmanuel's "Pray-Ground" is located at the front of the church. We welcome and encourage families with children to use this area; where your children can quietly play with soft toys, books, and do arts and crafts. Please don't worry about noise—worship leaders have microphones!

Prayers requested for: John, Bob, Cora, John, Ed, Craig, Eva, and Barb.

Links:
Livestream Worship - https://www.youtube.com/@emmanuelypsi
Giving Online - Online donation
Clothes Closet - ClothesCloset@emmanuelypsi.org
Food Pantry - FoodPantry@emmanuelypsi.org

Serving in Worship:
Interim Pastor..... *Rev. Joshua Rinas*
Minister of Worship Music..... *David Meitzler*
Minister of Choral Conducting..... *Jamie Gallupe*
Assisting Minister..... *Suzy Conklin*

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Emmanuel's Mission Statement:
Gathering to grow in Faith, Love, and Service through Christ.

Emmanuel's Vision Statement:
Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we strive to manifest Christ's example as an inclusive, visible, dynamic body of faith.
We are committed to serving the vulnerable and fostering hope.
We will grow in enthusiastic discipleship as we worship, welcome, serve and study.

You are welcome to connect to our wi-fi network – Emmanuel Guests
Contact us at info@emmanuelypsi.org Visit us at www.EmmanuelYpsi.org
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